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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
COLEMAN

1. DURING RECENT VISIT TO U. S. GERMAN MI NISTER OF
TRANSPORT GSCHIEDLE EXTENDED INVITATION TO SECRETARY COLEMAN
TO VISIT GERMANY. SECRETARY COLEMAN INTERESTED IN ACCEPTING
AND CALENDAR APPEARS TO PERMIT SHORT VISIT DURING MARCH 24
AND 25.

2. KEEPING IN MIND THAT THIS VISIT ONLY PROPOSED AND THAT
ADMINISTRATION APPROVAL NOT YET RECEIVED, EMBASSY REQUESTED
TO MAKE TENTATIVE PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS, WITHOUT ANY NOTI-
FICATION TO GERMAN AUTHORITIES, FOR SHORT VISIT. SECRETARY
COLEMAN WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY SMALL STAFF AND WOULD DEPART
WASHINGTON EARLY MORNING OF MARCH 23 TO ARRIVE COLOGNE AIR-
PORT EVENING OF SAME DAY. HE WOULD HOPE TO PAY COURTESY
CALLS ON AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND AND ON MINISTER GSCHIEDLE
ON MARNING OF MARCH 24 FOLLOWED BY WHATEVER PROGRAM MIGHT BE
DEVELOPED. THE SECRETARY IS INTERESTED IN FOLLOWING UP ON
MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION SIGNED BY HIM AND
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MINISTER GSCHIEDLE ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1975. FURTHER INTERESTED

IN GERMAN SOLUTIONS TO SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS,
PARTICULARLY RAIL, ROAD AND HIGH SPEED GROUND SYSTEMS AND
FUTURE CONCEPTS.

3. SECRETARY COLEMAN WOULD BE TRAVELING ABOARD COAST
GUARD GRUMMAN GULFSTREAM II AND COULD, THEREFORE, TRAVEL
TO OTHER LOCATIONS IN GERMANY. DEPARTURE FROM GERMANY
WOULD BE PLANNED FOR EARLY MORNING MARCH 26 EN ROUTE TO
GENEVA.

4. EMBASSY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH ADDED DETAILS AS THEY
DEVELOP, ESPECIALLY WHEN GERMAN AUTHORITIES CAN BE NOTI-
FIED. KISSINGER

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